



**Service of Process
Transmittal**

10/09/2020

CT Log Number 538378379

TO: Risk SOP Meijer
Meijer, Inc.
2929 Walker Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544-6402

RE: Process Served in Illinois

FOR: Meijer, Inc. (Domestic State: MI)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION: JEFFREY E. MARTIN, PLTF. vs. MEIJER, INC., ETC., ET AL., DFTS.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: -

COURT/AGENCY: None Specified
Case # 2020L010578

NATURE OF ACTION: Personal Injury - Failure to Maintain Premises in a Safe Condition

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: C T Corporation System, Chicago, IL

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE: By Process Server on 10/09/2020 at 03:00

JURISDICTION SERVED : Illinois

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: None Specified

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S): None Specified

ACTION ITEMS: CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 10/09/2020, Expected Purge Date: 10/14/2020

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Email Notification, Risk SOP Meijer RiskSOP@meijer.com

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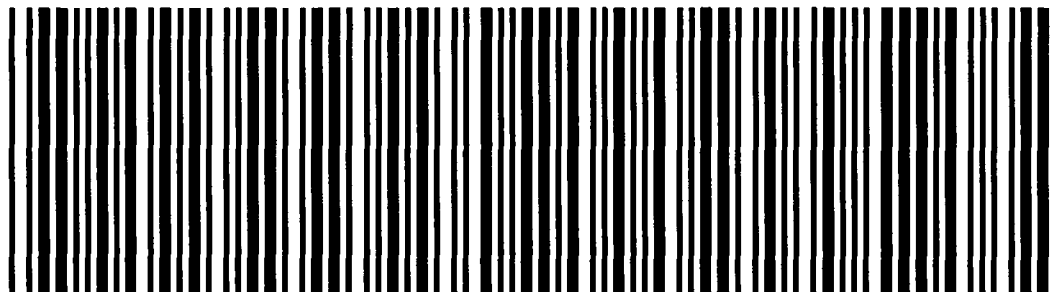


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Entity Served	MEIJER, INC.
Agent Name	C T CORPORATION SYSTEM
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Jurisdiction	IL



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Jeffrey E. Martin

(Name all parties)

v.

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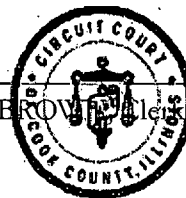
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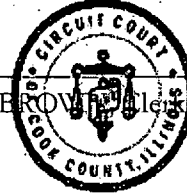
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION

JEFFREY E. MARTIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

MEIJER, INC. d/b/a MEIJER, MEIJER
STORES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, MEIJER
GREAT LAKES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,
and MEIJER GROUP, INC.

Defendants.

COURT #:

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS TRIAL
BY JURY

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AT LAW

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, JEFFREY E. MARTIN, by and through his attorneys, MARTIN LAW, LLC, and complaining of the Defendants, MEIJER, INC. d/b/a MEIJER, MEIJER STORES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, MEIJER GREAT LAKES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, and MEIJER GROUP, INC., states as follows:

COUNT I

[JEFFREY E. MARTIN v. MEIJER, INC. d/b/a MEIJER- Negligence]

1. Plaintiff JEFFREY E. MARTIN ("JEFFREY") was born on September 25, 1956.
2. On January 20, 2019, JEFFREY lived at 805 S. Salem Avenue in Arlington Heights, IL 60005.
3. On and prior to January 20, 2019, Defendant MEIJER, INC. d/b/a MEIJER ("MEIJER") was a foreign corporation licensed to do and doing business in the State of Illinois.
4. On and prior to January 20, 2019, Defendant MEIJER had its registered agent, CT Corporation System located at 208 So LaSalle Street, Suite 814 in Chicago, IL 60604.

5. On and prior to January 20, 2019, Defendant MEIJER was in the business of selling retail products, grocery products and related services throughout the Chicagoland area, including in Cook County, Illinois.

6. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Defendant owned and operated grocery and general merchandise retail stores, including the MEIJER store located at 1301 Meijer Road in Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

7. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Defendant, operating through its duly authorized agents and/or employees, managed the MEIJER store located at 1301 Meijer Road in Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

8. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Defendant, operating through its duly authorized agents and/or employees, maintained the MEIJER store located at 1301 Meijer Road in Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

9. At all times relevant to this Complaint, and for a substantial period prior thereto, the Defendant held out said retail store to the public for use by business invitees, including the Plaintiff, JEFFREY.

10. Plaintiff JEFFREY was at all times relevant to this Complaint a business invitee legally on the premises of the Defendant's retail store.

11. On January 20, 2019, it was the duty of Defendant, acting through its duly authorized agents and/or employees, to exercise reasonable care in maintaining its stores, including making sure that there were no hazardous substances on the floor.

12. On January 20, 2019, the Defendant, acting through its duly authorized agents and/or employees, committed the following negligent acts and/or omissions:

- a. Failed to properly maintain its stores so as to prevent injury to its

patrons including the Plaintiff;

- b. Failed to properly inspect its store so as to prevent injury to its patrons including the Plaintiff;
- c. Failed to keep the floor free of hazardous substances so as to prevent injury to its patrons including the Plaintiff;
- d. Failed to warn patrons of a slipping hazard present on the store floor when it knew or should have known that such a hazard was present;
- e. Failed to keep the store floors in a properly maintained condition so as to prevent injury to patrons including the Plaintiff; and/or
- f. Was otherwise careless and negligent.

13. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the Defendant's negligent acts and/or omissions, JEFFREY was in the store pushing a shopping cart full of groceries and was caused to slip and fall on a hazardous substance present on the ground, and sustained severe and permanent injuries including, but not limited to, a dislocation of his left knee.

14. As a direct and proximate result of the above-described incident, JEFFREY was caused to sustain severe, permanent, aggravating, and disabling injuries; to suffer great pain and anguish in both body and mind and in the future will continue to so suffer; to incur and expend large obligations for and in the future will continue to expend and incur obligations for large sums of money for medical care; and to be hindered and/or prevented from engaging in his usual duties and affairs, including his employment as an attorney.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff JEFFREY E. MARTIN, respectfully demands judgment against the Defendant, MEIJER, INC. d/b/a MEIJER, in a fair and equitable sum in excess of the jurisdictional amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00).

COUNT II

[JEFFREY E. MARTIN v. MEIJER STORES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP - Negligence]

1. Plaintiff JEFFREY E. MARTIN ("JEFFREY") was born on September 25, 1956.
2. On January 20, 2019, JEFFREY lived at 805 S. Salem Avenue in Arlington Heights, IL 60005.
3. On and prior to January 20, 2019, Defendant MEIJER STORES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP was a foreign corporation licensed to do and doing business in the State of Illinois with its registered agent located in the State of Michigan.
4. On and prior to January 20, 2019, Defendant MEIJER STORES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP was in the business of selling retail products and related services throughout the Chicagoland area, including in Cook County, Illinois.
5. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Defendant owned and operated grocery and general merchandise retail stores, including the MEIJER store located at 1301 Meijer Road in Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.
6. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Defendant, operating through its duly authorized agents and/or employees, managed the MEIJER store located at 1301 Meijer Road in Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.
7. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Defendant, operating through its duly authorized agents and/or employees, maintained the MEIJER store located at 1301 Meijer Road in Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.
8. At all times relevant to this Complaint, and for a substantial period prior thereto, the Defendant held out said retail store to the public for use by business invitees, including the Plaintiff, JEFFREY.

9. Plaintiff JEFFREY was at all times relevant to this Complaint, a business invitee legally on the premises of the Defendant's retail store.

10. On January 20, 2019, it was the duty of Defendant, acting through its duly authorized agents and/or employees, to exercise reasonable care in maintaining its stores, including making sure that there were no hazardous substances on the floor.

11. On January 20, 2019, the Defendant, acting through its duly authorized agents and/or employees, committed the following negligent acts and/or omissions:

- a. Failed to properly maintain its store so as to prevent injury to its patrons including the Plaintiff;
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12. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the Defendant's negligent acts and/or omissions, while JEFFREY was in the store pushing a shopping cart full of groceries, he was caused to slip and fall on a hazardous substance present on the ground, and sustained severe and permanent injuries including, but not limited to, a dislocation of his left knee.

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large obligations for and in the future will continue to expend and incur obligations for large sums of money for medical care; and to be hindered and/or prevented from engaging in his usual duties and affairs, including his employment as an attorney.

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COUNT III
[JEFFREY E. MARTIN v. MEIJER GREAT LAKES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP -
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